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MG Robert S. Powell, Jr.

Military Deputy to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-6



Major General Robert S. Powell, Jr. assumed responsibilities as the Military Deputy to the DCS, G-6 at the Headquarters, Department of the Army, in September 2023. He assists the G-6 in the development of strategy, plans, and guidance to modernize and secure the network. His focus is developing and executing the resource strategy that enables the investment of resources to support the operational and technical priorities of the Army, Combatant Commands, the Department of Defense, and the federal government.

Major General Powell was born in Wartrace, TN. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1991 in the Armor Corps following graduation from Middle Tennessee State University, with a Bachelor of Science in International Relations and minors in Aerospace and Military Science. He also holds a Master of Science in Network Security from Capitol Technical University in Laurel, Maryland and received an additional Masters in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

After completing the Armor Corps Basic Course in 1992, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry (CAV) Division at Fort Hood, Texas. During his time at Fort Hood he served with the 3-32 Armor and with the 1/12 CAV. After Fort Hood, he attended the Military Intelligence Advanced Course, and his next assignment was Combat Support and Coordination Team One, First Republic of Korean Army, 8th U.S. Army. On completion of his Korea tour, he was assigned to the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Gordon, Georgia. While at Fort Gordon, he commanded the HHC/201st Signal Intelligence Battalion. After completion of company command, he attended the FA-53 (Systems Automation) course and was assigned to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, where he served as both Chief of Systems Group and Information Assurance Manager for the U.S. Army War College.

Major General Powell entered the U.S. Army Reserve in 2004, and assignments included the S-3 & XO for the 1182nd Terminal Transportation Support Battalion; S-6 for the 415th CBRN Brigade; Chief of Operations for 335th Signal Command (Theater)(Provisional) in Kuwait; Commander of the National Capital Region Cyber Protection Center; faculty instructor for the U.S. Army War College; Commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Cyber Protection Brigade; Director of the J-6, J-8, and J-9 of the Cyber National Mission Force at Fort Meade, Maryland; Deputy Commanding General – Cyber for the 335th Signal Command (Theater) in East Point, Georgia; and Commanding General, 335th Signal Command (Theater) Operational Command Post (Forward) in Kuwait. His most recent assignment was Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 for U.S. Army Central and Third Army in Kuwait.

Major General Powell's military education includes Armor Officer Basic Course, Military Intelligence School – Advance and Counter Intelligence Courses, U.S. Army Intermediate Level Education (ILE) Course, Information Systems Management Functional Area (FA) 53 Course, the Cyber Operations Planning (N9) Course, Senior Joint Information Operations Application Course, and the Senior Leader Force Integration Course.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star device), Southwest Asia Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star device), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with "4" device), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, and the Parachutist Badge.

Major General Powell and his wife of 32 years, Jill, reside in Summerville, South Carolina, with their son Stone and daughter Mary Kate.

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